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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of State
4 Representative Richard P. Myers of Colchester, who passed away
5 on December 1, 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born to John and Martha Myers on December
7 27, 1947 in Macomb; he married Christine Sims on August 9, 1975
8 in North Henderson; he graduated from Colchester High School in
9 1966 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy from Western
10 Illinois University in 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Myers farmed his family farm for 29
12 years and served 6 years in the United States Army Reserves; he
13 was an active member and elder of the Scotland Trinity
14 Presbyterian Church; and

15 WHEREAS, During his farming career, Representative Myers
16 was active in the Farm Bureau organization, serving in various
17 capacities at the local, State, and national levels; he served
18 12 years as a member of the board of directors of the Illinois
19 Farm Bureau; during that time he represented the Illinois Farm
20 Bureau on the board of directors of the Interstate Producers
21 Livestock Association, the U.S. Meat Export Federation, and
22 numerous other agricultural organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Myers served several years as
2 minority spokesperson of the Appropriations-Higher Education
3 Committee and was a strong advocate for increased funding for
4 the State's public colleges and universities, as well as for
5 the State's community college system; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Myers served on the Agriculture
7 and Conservation, Higher Education, State Government
8 Administration, Elections and Campaign Reform, and Renewable
9 Energy Committees; he served as a member of the Passenger Rail
10 Caucus, a group of legislators advocating for continued and
11 expanded Amtrak service throughout the State; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Myers was co-chair of the
13 Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, a
14 bi-partisan legislative commission of members from both
15 chambers; their responsibilities include forecasting State
16 revenue projections, oversight of employee insurance programs,
17 and conducting hearings on the proposed closure of State
18 facilities; and

19 WHEREAS, Beyond the State of Illinois, Representative
20 Myers served as co-chair of the Agriculture and Natural
21 Resources Committee of the Midwest Legislative Conference of
22 the Council of State Governments; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Myers was preceded in death by his
2 son, Nicholas; his father, John; and his brother, Wendell, who
3 died in infancy; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Myers is survived by his wife,
5 Chris; his daughter, Alison; his mother, Martha; his brothers,
6 Donald (Sue) Myers and Charles (Ann) Myers; and numerous nieces
7 and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Myers will be remembered as a
9 thoughtful and hardworking legislator who always put his family
10 and constituents first; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 mourn, along with his family, friends, and constituents, the
14 passing of State Representative Richard Myers; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of State Representative Richard Myers
18 as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.